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Application No. 08/999,245

Group Art Unit: 3628

Filed: December 10, 1997

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For:

A method of and system for analyzing, modeling and valuing elements of a business

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